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SUBJECT: DIVIDED FAMILIES:MESTERHAZY CASE

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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE TOOK OPPORTUNITY AT SEPT 24 RECEPTION TO DISCUSS MESTERHAZY CASE AND EMIGRATION GENERALLY WITH HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR SZABO. ARMITAGE STRESSED INTEREST OF ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS IN REUNIFICATION OF DIVIDED FAMILIES. IN MESTERHAZY CASE,ISSUE WAS NOT "FREE EMIGRATION", SINCE A FATHER AND SON WERE CONCERNED WHO DESIRED REUNIFICATION, BUT A DIVIDED FAMILY IN WHICH WE HAD A CONTINUING INTEREST. ARMITAGE STRESSED CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN MESTERHAZY CASE, AND IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHED TO GOH FAVORABLE RECONSIDERATION OF THEIR EMIGRATION REQUESTS. KISSINGER

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